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Art Unit: 2852

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application, which was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371 based on PCT/JP2004/017950, hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the form PTO/SB/08A which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application National Publication (Kohyo) No. 7-500641 A published by Japan Patent Office on January 19, 1995 (corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 5,223,096 issued on June 29, 1993 to Phan et al.);

B. Japanese Patent Application National Publication (Kohyo) No. 2003-500571 A published by Japan Patent Office on January 7, 2003 (corresponding to the PCT Application International Publication No. WO 00/73585 issued by WIPO on December 7, 2000);

C. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 7-166079 A published by Japan Patent Office on June 27, 1995;

D. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 57-171797 A published by Japan Patent Office on October 22, 1982 (corresponding to the U.S. Patent No. 4,383,834 issued on May 17, 1983 to Degen et al.);

E. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2003-55897 A published by Japan

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F. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2003-310475 A published by Japan Patent Office on November 5, 2003.

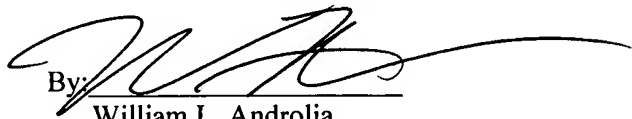
The above-listed relevant art A through D are cited in the International Search Report issued by Japan Patent Office to the above-identified International Application.

Though these prior art A through D cited in the Search Report are not in the English language, the Search Report (a copy thereof enclosed) is written in English and the degree of the relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of Y's and A's along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for each of these non-English language relevant art is satisfied, and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein. Nonetheless, an English language abstract is attached to the non-English relevant art C, and the corresponding U.S. patent numbers are respectively noted in the list above for the relevant art A, B and D.

The above-listed relevant art E and F are also not in the English language, and English translation of each one of these relevant art is not available at this time to the undersigned, and such translation is not attached hereto. The concise explanation of the relevance of each one of these relevant art is, however, incorporated in the specification. Nonetheless, an English language abstract is attached to each one of the relevant art E and F.

Accordingly, it is hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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